



SUMMER SCHOOL IN GLOBAL POLITICS, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY 2019

Contemporary Indian Politics

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Date: June 25 - 28

Time: 9.00 am - 11.30 am

Room: 24.224 - Mercè Rodoreda Building 24 (Floor 2)

This course is designed to introduce students to politics in contemporary India. India is a plural and diverse country with many religions, regions, classes, castes and communities. Also, India, after its independence, has adopted parliamentary democracy and has become the largest democracy in the world. Thus, the vibrant domain of Indian political process is fiercely contentious as it has to negotiate with a wide range of diversities and pluralities within a democratic framework in order to arrive at some kind of consensus. This course presents the multifaceted process of change in India since 1947. The five lectures (10 hours) are organized around five different themes: state formation and nation-building, democracy and civil society, communalism and politics, religion and the state, India and the world. The course will begin by analyzing the process of political change and nation-building in India, It will then examine the question: why is India the largest democracy in today's world? After analyzing the democratic trajectory of India and the role of civil society, the course turns its focus on state-society interactions and especially the problem of communalism in India. This will take us toward issues related to secularism, religion and the state in India. We will end the course with a brief focus on the global role of India and its foreign policy.

Session 1. State formation and Nation-building in Post-Colonial India

S. Venkata Desika Char. 1945. India and the idea of Nation-State. *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, 7 (1-2): 343-351.

M N Panini. 2018. Nationalism and Nation building: the idea of post-modern India. *Sociology Today: a Journal of Contemporary Sociological Research*, 1 (1).

Session 2. Democracy and Civil Society in India

Ramesh Kumar. 2009. Political Parties in India and the United States: a Comparative Analysis. *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, 70 (4):1227-1240.

Ashutosh Varshney. 2001. Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond. *World Politics*, 53 (3): 362-398.

Session 3. Religion and the State in India

Mahmood, Tahir. 2011. Religion and the Secular State: Indian Perspective. International Center for Law and Religion Studies.

Erik Reenberg Sand. 2006. State and Religion in India: The Indian Secular Model. *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*, 19 (2): 3-15.

Session 4. India and the World

Rajesh Basrur. 2017. Modi's foreign policy fundamentals: a trajectory unchanged. *International Affairs*, 93 (1): 7-26.

Archita Anand. 2018. Impact of India's Foreign Policy on Its National Interest. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Invention*, 7 (5): 18-22.